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- 1. IN VIEW OF A COMMUNICATION BY PATTERSON THAT EC WISHES TO POSTPONE MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE FROM WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 20, WE ASKED JACQUOT FOR THE REASONS FOR THIS DELAY.
- 2. JACQUOT TOLD US THAT IT WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE TO HAVE A GOURP AGRICULTURE MEETING DEALING ONLY WITH THE STANDARDS CODE. HE SAID THAT SINCE EC INTENDS TO MAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A NEW AND IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL IN GROUP AGRICULTURE, THEY BELIEVE U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO REACT TO THIS PROPOSAL ONLY AFTER THE BERGLAND-GUNDELACH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 14, OR EVEN AFTER THE US-EC BILATERALS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15-16. HENCE, EC WOULD PREFER HAVING THE MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE IN THE WEEK BEGINNING JULY 18, OR IF NECESSARY, EVEN ONLY ON

JULY 20, PROVIDED U.S. WILL THEN BE ABLE, IN LIGHT OF WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, TO REACT TO EC PROPOSAL.

- 3. ACCORDING TO JACQUOT, EC INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO NEXT MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE AN EXPOSE OF ITS AIMS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS THEY HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GROUP AGRICULTURE FOR THE FUTURE WORK OF THIS GROUP. THIS IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN EC PROPOSAL FOR A REQUEST-OFFER PROCEDURE COVERING ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH WILL NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS WHEAT, OR CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS OR MEATS WHICH COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT DISCIPLINES.
- 4. JACQUOT SAID THAT COMMODITIES SUBJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE THREE COMMODITY SUBGROUPS. ALL OTHER PRODUCTS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUEST-OFFER PROCEDURE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GROUP AGRUCULTURE. THE REQUEST-OFFER PROCEDURE COULD COVER ALL TYPES OF INPORT RESTRICTIONS AS WELL AS EXPORT MEASURES SUCH AS SUBSIDIES AND EXPORT EMBARGOES. IMPORT OR EXPORT MEASURES PERTAINING TO COMMODITIES SUBJECT TO COMMODITY AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THESE AGREEMENTS.

5. U.S. MTN DEL COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW. CULBERT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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